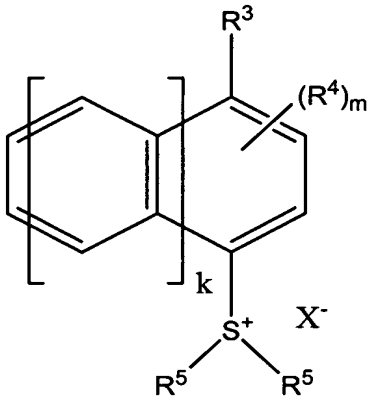
IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the last paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9 continuing on to page 8, line 5 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment of the above radiation-sensitive resin composition, the photoacid generator (B) is a compound of the following formula (7),

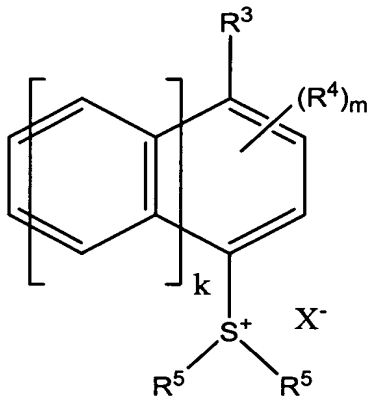


(7)

wherein R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, hydroxyl group, linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, or linear or branched alkoxycarbonyl group having 2 - 11 carbon atoms, R^4 represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 -10 carbon atoms, R^5 individually represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group, or two R^5 groups bond to form a substituted or unsubstituted divalent group having 2 - 10 carbon atoms, k is an integer of 0 to 2, X^- represents an anion represented by the formula $R^6C_nF_{2n}SO_3^-$ (wherein R^6 represents a fluorine atom or substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group and n is an integer of 1 to 10), and m is an integer of [[1]] 0 to 10.

Please amend the last paragraph beginning on page 34, line 27 continuing on to page 35, line 19 as follows:

The acid generator (B) of the present invention preferably comprises a compound represented by the following formula (7) (hereinafter referred to as "an acid generator (B*)").



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